

**BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

March 13, 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:18 am on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kathleen Breguet, RN, MSN

William Dodd, CRNA

Michael Gerhardt

Cristiana Rosa, PCNS, Vice President

Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, President

Eve Sweeney, RN, MSN

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Ronita Appiah, RN

Deborah Brown RN, MSN

Susan Day, RN, MS

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Alexandre, MS, RN, Chief, Health Professions Regulations

Elizabeth James, RN, Complaint Unit

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Marcia Bliss, HARI/Colleagues in Caring-RI

Marian Mulholland, HEALTH

Donna Policastro, RINSE

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:18 am. A quorum was established.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF February 13, 2006

On motion of Mr. Dodd, seconded by Ms. Jeremiah, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

· None

DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION

REPORT

- Michael Gerhardt was introduced as a new consumer member of the Board replacing Sam Havens.**
- Informational materials from the National Council of State Boards of Nurses, Inc. were distributed to members.**
- Mary Dowd Struck, nursing administration member of the Board has resigned her position.**
- Guest attendees were introduced.**
- Donna Policastro was introduced as the newly appointed Executive Director of the Rhode Island State Nurses Association.**
- Mr. Alexandre discussed recent meetings he has attended regarding the nursing shortage.**
- The posting period for the State Director of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education has ended. Interviews will take place over the next two months with a planned start date for the position of July 1.**
- The National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. is calling volunteer nurses to sit on the RN Standard Setting Panel of Judges.**
- American Nurses Credentialing Center and the American Psychiatric Nurses Association are meeting to discuss the proposed implementation of a combined psychiatric and mental health clinical nurse specialist and nurse practitioner certification examination. This proposal may have an impact on current licensing requirements. Ms. Rosa will monitor the conversation through membership on the NCSBN Advanced Practice Nurse Advisory Committee.**
- The California Board of Registered Nursing has determined that graduates of Excelsior College distance learning nursing program will**

not be eligible for licensure in that state in that the number of hours of clinical practice do not meet the current CA requirements.

BUSINESS

· At the request of Gwendolyn Ferrare, LPN applicant by endorsement, the board considered her request to be licensed to practice in RI. In that Ms. Ferrare does not have a current nursing license in another state or jurisdiction, the Board has determined that pursuant to section 5-34-15(b) this applicant is not eligible for licensure by endorsement in Rhode Island.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Dodd, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 8:50 am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Smith called the Open Session back to Order at 12:50 pm.

VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO

SECTIONS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Dodd, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board unanimously voted the following actions in Executive Session at today's meeting:

- RN05-080 Suspension, Indefinite**
- RN05-013 Suspension, Indefinite**
- RN01-012 Reinstatement of RN license, Probation**
- RN05-126 Reprimand, Continuing Education**
- PN03-125 Amend Consent Order, additional probation**
- RN05-084 Probation**
- RN03-126 Reinstatement of RN license, Probation**
- RN03-002 Reinstatement of RN license, Probation**
- RN06-001 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern**
- RN05-118 No Unprofessional Conduct**
- RN05-103 No Unprofessional Conduct**
- PN06-101 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern**
- RN05-129 No Unprofessional Conduct**
- RN06-003 Administrative Closure**
- RN98-022 Rescind Probation**
- PN01-033 Rescind Probation**

- **PN03-001 Rescind Probation**
- **RN00-072 Rescind Probation**
- **RN06-022 Revocation, Indefinite**

The Board unanimously voted to issue an unencumbered registered nurse license by endorsement to Stephanie Runnels.

The Board unanimously voted to approve the nursing education program for the current academic year at the following school:

- **Rhode Island College**

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Breguet, seconded by Ms. Smith, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eve Sweeney, Secretary